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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ASAD IN GENEVA (PRESIDENT CARTER)

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1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE FULLY SCHEDULED IN LONDON UNTIL 12:45 P.M. ON MAY 9; AND HE HAS A REQUIREMENT TO RETURN TO LONDON THE SAME NIGHT. THE PRECISE SCHEDULE IS STILL UNDER REVIEW AND SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION; HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE READY TO COMMENCE MEETING WITH ASAD IN GENEVA IN THE MID-AFTERNOON. (FYI: AN EARLY WORKING DINNER AT END OF MEETING IS BEING CONSIDERED, BUT WE WOULD RATHER NOT CONVEY THIS TO THE SYRIANS UNTIL THE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN

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FIRMED UP. END FYI)

2. WE PRESUME THE SYRIANS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS IF WE APPROACH THE SWISS REGARDING A SUITABLE MEETING SITE; WE WILL BE BACK TO YOU SHORTLY WITH PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD.

3. YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION DRAW ON THE FOREGOING TO

BRIEF SYRIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT OUR PLANS. YOU SHOULD OF
COURSE MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO
THIS IMPORTANT MEETING AND IS CONFIDENT IT WILL AFFORD AN

ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS FULLY ON MIDDLE
EAST ISSUES.
CHRISTOPHER

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